Clearance to medium Irrigation Projects in Himachal Pradesh

3249. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals for medium irrigation projects have been received from State Government of Himachal Pradesh for survey, investigation and preparation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to approve these proposals early in the interest of development of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Being a state subject, irrigation projects are surveyed, planned, investigated and executed by the state governments themselves as per their own priorities and out of their own resources. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has submitted modified project report to Central Water Commission during August, 1999 in respect of Balh Valley (Left Bank) Medium Irrigation Project estimated to cost Rs. 41.64 crore for providing annual irrigation to an area of 4354 hectares for approval of the Centre. Approval of the project is linked with its techno-economic viability and resolution of inter-State issues.

Release of Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu

3250. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the award given by the Supreme Court and the Tribunal regarding release of Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu by Karnataka Government, the matter is still pending;

(b) if so, what measures are being contemplated by Government against Karnataka, to honour the award, apart from holding talks; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue Constitutional directive to the Karnataka Government so that the order of the Supreme Court and the Tribunal are implemented by the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Under the provisions of Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 the Cauvery Water Disputes between the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Union Territory of Pondicherry has been referred to the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal on June 2, 1990. The Tribunal has passed in interim order on June 25, 1991 giving relief to Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry. The Central Government has published the interim order in the official gazette on 10.12.91 making it final and binding on the parties to the disputes. In pursuance of order of the Supreme Court dated 9.4.1997, the Central Government has framed a scheme under Section 6A of the said Act for giving effect to the interim order and all its related subsequent orders. The scheme consists of the Cauvery River Authority (CRA) headed by the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of the basin States as its members. The Authority is assisted by a Monitoring Committee headed by the Secretary (Water Resources). So far, two meetings of the CRA and five meetings of the Monitoring Committee have been held.

Clearance to Anti Erosion Projects in Kerala

3251. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal seeking assistance to protect erosion works of critical nature in the rivers effected by floods in Kerala is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accorded sanction for the aforesaid projects of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala has submitted 20 nos. of anti river erosion schemes to the Union Government seeking financial assistance.

(c) and (d) A Centrally Sponsored Programme, namely "Critical